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1. Between 25 July and 4 August, a major exercise was held in the Gr.Muetzelburg (about 20 km east of Torgelow)-Cartz on the Oder River-Prenzlau-Pasewalk-Torgelow area. By order of the headquarters stationed at Pasewalk, telephone lines which were used for this exercise were constructed from the former Kavallerie Kaserne to the west and east. Motorized units, armored personnel carriers, numerous light AT guns and, allegedly, medium AA guns were observed in the maneuver area. The troops involved included at least units from the Eggesin-Karpin-Torgelow area, Prenzlau and Pasewalk. During the first days of the exercise, KVP units were observed in Hintersee, Crambow, Penkun and Kasekow, while, during the last days, such units were seen in Torgelow, Pasewalk, Rothemuehl, Blumenhagen (northwest and west of Pasewalk) and Prenzlau. <sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. On 21 July, KVP sentries prevented the population from entering the woods in the Wetzenow-Casselow-Friedrichshof-Roggow area southeast of Pasewalk. Local residents said that VPs would hold an exercise in this area for several days with troop movements being generally confined to the night-time. Numerous telephone lines crossed the area in which camouflaged vehicles were only occasionally observed. On 23 July, similar conditions were observed in the area south of Pasewalk. <sup>2</sup>
3. Between 27 and 29 July, numerous motor vehicles including armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars passed through Hintersee, about 20 to 25 km northeast of Pasewalk. Later, a first sergeant from Karpin said that a staff exercise had been held at that time. <sup>3</sup>
4. The command-post exercise of Mechanized Division Eggesin, which had involved component units of the 2d Mecz Regt and component units of AT and mortar formations of other units of the division, but no tanks, was finished in the night of 30 July. During this one week's exercise, light AAA and infantry units were observed south of Penkun (east of Prenzlau). On 2 August, a critique, which was also attended by officers from Pasewalk and the Torgelow area, and allegedly mentioned heavy mistakes in command-giving, was held on the ground. <sup>3</sup> 25X1

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5. A several days' exercise at regimental combat-team level, which was finished in the night of 8 August, was held by Mechanized Division Eggesin in the Ueckermuende area. It involved numerous heavy weapons including T-34/76 tanks, T-34/85 tanks, SU-76s, 82-mm and 120-mm mortars, 56-mm AT guns, 76-mm guns, and 122-mm howitzers, but no units of the 2d Mecz Regt.

6. Between the evening of 14 August and 17 August, the 2d Mecz Regt left its billets for an exercise. On 18 August, all component units of the regiment were scheduled to have reached the Ueckermuende area where other units were allegedly to be assembled or had been assembled.

7. In mid-August, tent camps occupied by KVPs who wore blue and red-bordered black collar patches, as well as vehicle and gun parks were observed about halfway between Bellin and Eggesin on both sides of the road which connected the two towns. Weapons observed in this area included 122-mm howitzers.

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8. On 12 August, the infantry units of the 2d Inf Regt of Division Prenzlau practiced stream-crossing with pneumatic boats on Blindowsee (lake) north of Prenzlau. The enlisted men had life jackets and were completely equipped and armed. The entire regiment was to hold the same practice shortly.

9. Between 16 and 19 August, Infantry Division Prenzlau held an exercise in the Jaegerbrueck area which involved all units of the division but the 2d Inf Regt. From 9 to 12 August, all units involved except for the artillery regiment, the tank SP regiment and the engineer battalion of the division were assembled in the maneuver area where they made ready for the exercise. The subject of training was: division commitment on attack and defense. Observers attending the exercise included Minister of the Interior Stoph, Major General Hermann Rentach, commander of Korps Nord, Major General Walter Altmann, chief of KVP rear services, and other members of the MII staff.

1. Comment. During the second half of July, command-post exercises of Infantry Division Prenzlau and Mechanized Division Eggesin were apparently continued at corps level until early August or were controlled and, under circumstances, coordinated by the corps headquarters.

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Some disagreements between the present information and previous reports from the same area, which presumably are due to the respective sources' perspectives, are considered unimportant. The former Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk quarters the headquarters of Korps Nord.

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2. Comment. A staff or command-post exercise of Infantry Division Prenzlau was apparently held from 19 to 23 July. A previous report by another source stated that the subject of training was: division commitment on attack and defense.

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